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Update on Foreign MEDLARS Agreements

The National Library of Medicine has eight bilateral quid pro quo arrangements concerning MEDLARS with the United Kingdom, Sweden, France, Germany, Japan, Australia, Canada, and the World Health Organization (for addresses, see introductory pages of *Index Medicus*). The oldest of these agreements has been in operation since 1966. Under them, NLM provides MEDLARS computer tapes, documentation, and training in return for indexing input of 12,000-15,000 articles annually per center. These quid pro quo bilateral arrangements have been eminently successful and are considered by other organizations as a model activity.

Under new arrangements recently announced by NLM Director Martin M. Cummings, M.D., the centers now have three basic options under MEDLARS II: tapes, tapes and software package, and on-line access (or a combination of options). Renegotiation of agreements has resulted in the following:

- Tapes: Germany and Japan
- Tapes and Software: Australia and Sweden
- On-line Access: France, Canada, and the World Health Organization
- Tapes and On-line Access: Great Britain

Erratum

In the story in the October *News*, "The Regional Medical Libraries—Region III"—the Philadelphia College of Osteopathic Medicine was inadvertently omitted from the list of medical schools in Philadelphia.

Publications Notes

CIM 1974

An advance-order flyer is enclosed for the 1974 edition of *Cumulated Index Medicus*, Volume 15. The 1974 *CIM* is scheduled to appear in April 1975, but it is advisable to place your order early to be sure to have your set shipped promptly upon publication. Please note the guidelines for ordering GPO publications in the enclosed Publication Supplement, as well as the suggestions below:

- If you order through a dealer, suggest that he use the order form, if possible, and order well in advance of the expected delivery date.
- If you, or your dealer, cannot use the special order form, make sure the words "ADVANCE ORDER" appear on the order, and that the following information is also included: full title (*Cumulated Index Medicus*, Volume *15, 1974*); price ($188.80 domestic, $236.00 foreign); GPO classification number (*HE 20.3612/3:15*); and GPO stock number (*S/N 1752-00158*).
- Enclose remittance made payable to Superintendent of Documents.
- Do not expect delivery until May or June 1975.
- Mail order to: "Cumulated Index Medicus, Public Documents Department, Washington, D.C. 20402."

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NMAC Catalog

Orders are now being accepted by the Superintendent of Documents for the 1974 edition of the *National Medical Audiovisual Center Catalog*. An order blank is enclosed with this issue of the *News*. The new catalog, listing about 800 16mm motion pictures available on short-term loan for professional health sciences educational purposes, sells for $3.05 per copy ($3.80 foreign). *Note*: This year's orders are being handled by the Public Documents Department, U.S.G.P.O., Washington, D.C. 20402, and *not* by the Public Documents Distribution Center in Philadelphia. The GPO classification number is *HE 20.3608/94:74; the stock number is S/N 1752-00156.*

New Prices

GPO is in the process of announcing increased prices for 1975 periodicals, as well as a new policy of re-pricing existing one-time publications. These changes, reflecting increased mailing and handling costs, have affected the prices for most of the Library's publications. The new prices are listed in the Publications Supplement enclosed with this issue.

The Supplement also contains new prices recently announced for National Technical Information Service publications (both hard copy and microfiche). The new NTIS pricing structure was announced in the October 31st edition of the *Federal Register.*

Claim System

This is a reminder that, although another Government agency (GPO) is responsible for handling orders for most of NLM's publications, the Library is more than willing to act as an intermediary on your behalf if you are having difficulties in obtaining them. To enlist NLM help, read carefully the section on page 8 of the enclosed Publications Supplement ("If You Don't Receive Your Publications From GPO") and use the special claim form on the last page of the supplement for any claims you wish to make.

1975 MeSH

Publication of the 1975 edition of *Medical Subject Headings* (Part 2 of the January issue of *Index Medicus*) will be delayed until spring. Watch future issues of the *News* for further details.

Staff News

Death of Former Staff Member

Charles A. Roos, who retired as head of the Reference Section in 1968, died October 16th at his home in Bethesda after a heart attack.

A native of Minneapolis, Mr. Roos earned his undergraduate degree and a masters degree in philosophy at the University of Minnesota. He taught philosophy there and at the University of Wisconsin before coming to Washington as a research librarian at the Library of Congress in 1941.

He became associated with NLM in 1943 as a research librarian and bibliographical author. His publications include "Physicians to the Presidents and Their Patients" and the widely used *Medical Reference Works 1679-1966*, which he co-edited with Dr. John Blake.

Death of Staff Member

Harold L. Tarpley, Sr., a Supervisory Technical Information Specialist serving as one of two unit heads in the Index Section (Bibliographic

Services Division) died after suffering a heart attack on October 16th. An employee of the Library for 19 years, Mr. Tarpley supervised and trained biomedical literature analysts and was responsible for maintaining liaison with scientific institutions. He was active in the Equal Employment Opportunity Program at the Library, serving as chairman of the NLM EEO Committee for two years.

Clinical Librarians Accompany Physicians on Rounds

A two-year NLM resource grant to the University of Connecticut will test the idea of making librarians part of the health care teams that see patients. The librarians, called "clinical librarians," accompany teaching physicians and medical students on rounds in hospitals linked with the University of Connecticut Health Center. Later they supply reading material related to what they have seen and heard on rounds.

The project, titled "Clinical Librarians in Patient Care/Teaching Settings," involves the fields of general medicine, pediatrics, psychiatry, and surgery. The theory is that by actually going on rounds, the librarians can answer direct requests from doctors and students for articles and determine if other material would be helpful. According to Gertrude Lamb, Ph.D., principal investigator for the project, this will make the information flow user-oriented rather than subject-oriented. Dr. Lamb is director of libraries at Hartford Hospital and assistant librarian at the U. of C. Health Center.

Clinical librarian Ann Jefferson (left) listens in on rounds conducted by Dr. Robert Harris (right), an attending pediatrician at Hartford Hospital. Such "eavesdropping" enables her to determine what literature may be useful to supplement or reinforce knowledge gained by medical students, interns, and residents.

It is hoped that the project will improve the young physician's ability to find library material so that, later in his career, he can independently find answers to his questions. Another goal is to develop a core of multidisciplinary readings found useful in treating patients today, with the idea of sharing these with other hospitals.

NLM Serial Gap List — No. 10

The following journal issues are this month's continuation to the list of gaps in NLM's collection. If you can furnish any of these items, please address them to:

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Arizona Medicine 29:10, 1972
Bulletin of the Pacific Coast Society of Ophthalmologists 48, 1973
Computer Medicine 1971-73
Dental Clinics of North America March, 1964
Developmental Biology 35:1-2, 1973
Heart and Lung; Journal of Critical Care 1:3,5, 1972
Helvetica Odontologica Acta 16, 1972
Hospital World 1:5, 1972; 2:2, 1973
International Journal of Bio-Medical Computing 1:1970
ISA Transactions 8:2, 1969
Journal of Comparative and Physiological Psychology 68:2, pt. 2, 1969
Journal of Zoology 166:1,3, 1972
Maine Nurse 2:4, 1971-1973
McGill Medical Journal 39:1-2, 1970
Medical Care Review 29:2-11, 1972
Medical Digest 16:5,9,11, 1970; 19:8,11, 1973
New Physician 22:4, 1973
Official Record of the World Health Organization 208, 1973
Ohio Nurses Review 47:3-6, 1972
Personal Injury Annual 1972
Present Concepts in Internal Medicine 4:3, 1971;

6:4, 1973
Process Biochemistry 6:2-6, 1971
Public Health Court Digest 16:4,7,12; 17:3,6,7,9; 18:1,2,6,7,9; 19:5,7,8,10
Research in Reproduction 1:1,4, 1967; 3:1,3-6, 1971; 4:1, 1972
Separation Science 1-4, 1969-72
Southern Hospitals 39:1-5,7, 1971; 41:6,9,10,12, 1973

Enclosures With This Issue

- Advance Order Form for 1974 *Cumulated Index Medicus*
- Order Blank for *1974 National Medical Audiovisual Center Catalog*
- Publications Supplement
- Staff Directory

Additional copies of any of these items may be obtained by sending a self-addressed mailing label with your request to:

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